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## WELL-TO-DO COUPLE IN SUICIDE PACT.

## FOUND DEAD IN ROOM AT LOCAL HOTEL.

## TRAGIC STORY OF FINAL FLUTTER BEFORE ENDING LIVES.

## FLIGHT FROM CANTON.

Behind a brief police paragraph issued this morning, reporting the deaths of a young Chinese couple in a local Hotel last night, resulting from what appears to have been a suicide pact, lies a tragic story of frustrated aims and unrequited love.

The couple, who arrived here from Canton three days ago, were living in an expensive front room on the second floor of the Meichow Hotel in Des Voeux Road Central. The Hotel register gives the name of the man as Yu Man, aged 25, a native of Canton; and of the woman as Chan Sze, aged 22, also from Canton.

They were well-spoken and appeared to belong to the upper classes. The woman was good-looking, with bobbed hair, and was exquisitely dressed in the long fashionable gown with slit skirts which reached to the ankles.

They carried only light luggage and went straight to the Hotel, it is believed, after coming down by the morning steamer on Sunday.

They engaged a room giving out on the verandah of the second floor, paying without hesitation the deposit usually asked from visitors who are unaccompanied by much luggage.

### Guest Spirits.

During the three days they were in the Hotel, the couple carried on much in the same way as visitors to the Colony would, making the round of the principal places of attraction and were in the gayest of spirits, so it had appeared to the room-boy and other employees of the establishment.

Yesterday afternoon, the couple, elegantly dressed as usual, booked a car through the Hotel management and went out on a sightseeing trip round the Island. They returned at about six o'clock, carrying a parcel, and proceeded to their room, where they shut themselves in.

For an hour afterwards there was complete silence. Shortly before seven o'clock the room-boy, alarmed at the complete absence of any sound or movement in the room, knocked at the door, which he found locked.

### Entry Forced.

On an entry being forced, the manager having in the meantime been sent for, the couple were found lying motionless side-by-side on a brass bed. On the top of a dresser, within reach of the woman, who was fully dressed, in the same attire in which she had set out on the motor-outing, and who was lying on the outside of the bed, were two small pots which had contained opium, with the remnants of a sponge-cake soaked with the liquid.

The situation was taken in at a glance, and while the Police were being sent for, efforts were made to revive the victims.

Woman Dies on Way to Hospital.

They were beyond all human aid, succumbing to the fatal effects of the large quantity of opium they had swallowed, the woman expiring on the way to Hospital.

The bodies are now lying at the Public Mortuary awaiting identification by the father of the young man, believed to be a rich merchant of Canton, to whom a telegram has been sent apprising him of the tragedy.

### Man's Letter.

Before taking the fatal dose, the couple had left a note which was found stuck in the framework of the mirror of the dresser. In this letter, written in an apologetic strain and addressed to the management of the Hotel the man explained that they previously had had the intention of throwing themselves overboard from the steamer on which they arrived from Canton, but owing to the close surveillance kept over them when discovered at the attempt, by the people on the vessel, they had no recourse but to postpone the suicide until they had got ashore. He begged the management to kindly "select their

## Mr. Henderson Honoured.

## League of Nations Tribute.

## DISARMAMENT.

London, May 19. The Council of the League of Nations to-night, by a unanimous vote, appointed the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, to be President of the Disarmament Conference, which opens next February.

Mr. Henderson agreed to accept the nomination, provided the British Cabinet approves.

The tribute implied by this appointment is doubtless in recognition of the leading part which Mr. Henderson has taken in the disarmament question, especially since he has presided over the destinies of the Foreign Office, dating from the time when the Labour Party came into power, for the second time in 1929. Innumerable speeches, he has strongly pleaded for worldwide disarmament.

Mr. Henderson, who joined the Coalition Government in May, 1915, as President of the Board of Education, was the first Labour member to receive Cabinet rank. He held this office for more than a year, and was from December, 1916, to August, 1917, Minister without portfolio in the Lloyd George Ministry. In the first Labour Government he was Home Secretary.

He started life as an apprentice moulder, is a prominent Wesleyan and has been a lifelong abstainer.

Chief Whip of the Labour Party in 1914, he was elected Chairman at the outbreak of war, and is now Secretary of the National Labour Party. Since 1924, he has sat for Burnley, having the distinction of being introduced to the House by his two sons. Another son, David, fell in the Great War.—British Wireless.

## THE FINANCE BILL DEBATE.

## TORY AMENDMENT REJECTED.

London, May 19. The House of Commons to-night came to grips with the details of the Land Tax machinery, on the motion for the second reading of the Finance Bill.

The Bill was fiercely attacked by the Conservatives, mainly on the land tax proposals.

Sir John Simon (the Right Liberal) declared that he would oppose the proposals. He saw no reason why a man should be taxed because he acquired land.

The Conservative amendment for the rejection of the Bill was defeated by 270 votes to 230, after which the Finance Bill was accorded a second reading.—Reuters.

## LOCAL CURRENCY RUMOUR.

## GOVERNMENT'S DENIAL.

Rumours have been in circulation during the past few days to the effect that the Hongkong Government intends shortly issuing a communiqué on the currency question.

The reports suggested the possibility of the Government denying the likelihood of the dollar being stabilized.

An enquiry in official circles

this morning, in the Telegraph, was informed that the Government had not the least intention of issuing any such communiqué, and surprise was expressed that such a rumour should have been circulated.

particular hotel and making a noise of the room."

This remarkable document was handed to the Police, the facts disclosed tallying with a

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## UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.

## Plain British Speaking.

## TARIFF BARS TO PROSPERITY.

London, May 19. After some very plain speaking by Mr. Arthur Henderson at the opening session of the committee appointed to discuss European Economic Union, the British delegate's proposal for the appointment of a World Economic Commission was unanimously approved.

The Commission will consist of seventeen members, who will study the procedure to be adopted for the preparation of definite and practical proposals to deal with the world economic crisis.

Mr. Henderson said that Europe was passing through an economic crisis of the greatest severity.

The Great Paradox.

Unemployment, poverty and starvation existed, while the corn bins of Europe and countries overseas were bursting with food which could not be sold, and capital by countless millions was lying idle in the Banks.

An atmosphere of international security and freedom from the fear of war, he insisted, was the first essential for economic prosperity, and he agreed with President Hoover that if the Disarmament Conference next year succeeded, it would do much to end the world crisis.

In many countries, he said, public opinion was beginning to understand the useless suffering that economic nationalism had caused, and was turning in favour of a programme of concerted international action through the machinery of the League of Nations.

The greater part of Europe was urgently calling for credit, but countries which had surplus resources seemed more and more reluctant to lend.

He described the barriers against trade as barriers against prosperity and said he must state most plainly the importance which the British Government attached to the question of tariff reductions. Nations were striving by every means to keep out foreign goods and impoverishing both themselves and others.

Creditor Stubbornness.

Principal creditor countries insisted on the payment of war debts, but refused to accept goods which the debtor countries had to offer, and insisted on the payment being made in gold. The consequent scramble for gold had largely contributed to the recent catastrophic fall in commodity prices.

They had shut their eyes to the fact that international trade must take the form of barter.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Henderson appealed to the Russian delegate, Mr. Litvinoff to banish the thought that the members of the League were plotting war against the Soviet, and assured him that they were hoping for increasing peaceful intercourse and trade, and would welcome any help he could give to secure such an increased intercourse, based upon mutual observance of international obligations.

Austro-German Customs.

After further discussion at the meeting of the Council this morning, in which Dr. Beneš (Czechoslovakia) and Dr. Marinkovitch (Jugo-Slavia) took part, the motion of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson to refer the Austro-German Customs Union question to the International Court at the Hague was unanimously passed.

The German Foreign Minister, Dr. Curtius also spoke and joined issue with Mr. Marinkovitch on his suggestion that the proposals would later come before the International Court.

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## LOCAL AERIAL PROSPECTS.

### APPEAL TO BUSINESS MEN OF HONGKONG.

#### ROTARY ADDRESS.

"Geographically, the situation of Hongkong is ideal and it is a centre from which lines should radiate to link up with the England-Australia route, with Shanghai, Japan, Manila and China," said Wing Commander A. W. F. Glenny, M.C., D.S.C., R.A.F., at the Rotary Club tiffin yesterday, when addressing members and guests on "Aviation." In the absence of Sir William Hornell, the chair was taken by the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. D. Bush as a new member and the following as visitors:—Captain Bodden Whetham, Mr. E. F. Autoc and Dr. G. E. Mason. In introducing the speaker, the Chairman said that aviation was a subject in which they all took the greatest interest.

Wing Commander Glenny said:—"I have been asked to give you a short talk on aviation and, of course, I had to choose from a very vast subject a few points which I thought might interest you. I hope you will forgive me if, in an endeavour to avoid technical terms and to treat the subject rather from the novice's point of view, I am boring to the experts of whom I am horrified to see rather a big number to-day."

May I make it clear before we go any further that what I say is my own personal view and is in no way official. And may I also take the opportunity of acknowledging the help I have had from my old friend of early flying days, the Rev. or should it be Squadron Leader? E. G. Powell, and from Flight Lieutenant A. J. R. Moss and others.

#### Air Accidents.

I hope you will forgive me for starting with rather a gloomy aspect. I refer to air accidents. Public opinion about flying is greatly influenced by accidents and I feel I ought to speak about them. The last thing I want to do is to give you an unduly optimistic outlook, or to discount the serious aspect of these accidents, but it is necessary for someone to give them their true value in relation to aviation progress as a whole. In this matter, assistance from the Press, by the publication of rather more accurate information and considered and informed reports as opposed to "popular" and "rushed" news, would be a help.

Now, firstly, the majority of accidents occur in stunt or experimental flying, or in connexion with R. A. F. service flying. Secondly, quite 90 per cent are due to personal and very human errors, and not to structural or mechanical failure in machines or engines. This is particularly true of British flying. In ordinary straight-forward civilian and commercial aviation there have been very few serious crashes. Even in flight which is in the nature of an experiment there is no justification for inadequate preparations or unnecessary disregard for safety. But, if you embark on something new, whether it be a pioneer adventure or an attempt at record breaking, a great deal more must be risked than would normally be the case. It is very difficult to get the public to see this, and to distinguish between stunts and experiments on the one hand and regular straight flying on the other. Hence, unless the conditions and aims of each flight are studied, the significance or failures in relation to flying as a whole, cannot be obtained.

#### Making for Safety.

I would never suggest that venturesome flights should be discouraged. Apart from the fact that it would be a poor thing if you were ever to get to the "nothing venture" stage, as much if not quite as much, is learnt from the failures as from the successes, and the sum total goes to provide some thing towards safety and success for those coming after. We have, by no means, reached the stage at which our knowledge of aviation is sufficient to ensure safety and regularity in everything we attempt.

A great deal of our knowledge can only be bought by practical trial. Nobody, for instance, could possibly forecast the difficulties to be faced, and how to meet them, or the behaviour of machines and engines under conditions such as obtain on long distance flights, or at the high speeds of the Schneider Trophy Race. We owe an immense amount to pioneers successful and unsuccessful, and to those, such as the late Flight Lieut. Waghorn, who do the experimental work. Now, in the ordinary course of R.A.F. service flying, risks must be taken for military purposes, which are not inherent in straightforward civil aviation, just as submarine work is a necessary part of Naval work.

Everything humanly possible is done to guard against foreseeable accidents. Each year brings some new aids to safety to our help, and the number of flights made and miles flown increase in proportion to the accidents. If, therefore, flying accidents are examined in their true perspective, there is no cause for despondency. The pioneer spirit in every human endeavour says, "the best thing to do with risk is to take it," but do not confuse the adventurers with the man in the street. Both are essential to human progress.

#### Local Air Travel.

I should now like to refer to a few points about air travel which must interest us all, since it would bring Hongkong so close to Singapore and Shanghai, and within a matter of minutes of Canton and Macao. Geographically, the situation of Hongkong is ideal and it is a centre from which lines should radiate to link up with the England-Australia routes, with Shanghai, Japan, Manila and China. It has an immense future before it as such. As it happens, most of these routes are for the greater part over the sea where navigational difficulties for a flying boat are not so great as in overland flying, because of the absence of land and obstacles to low visibility flying, and in which the sea provides a continuous alighting place.

On the other hand the weather conditions, particularly in the Spring, are not exactly ideal for regular flying. Adequate weather forecasting and reporting stations, and the extended co-operation of ships at sea, together with the use of up-to-date aids to navigation, such as the automatic pilot and directional finding wireless, should go a long way towards countering the difficulties. It is quite essential to make the fullest use of such aids to ensure regularity and safety. If it is contemplated to make Hongkong an air port, may I make a few personal suggestions of what I believe to be necessary for success?

#### Seven Points.

(1) Do not make the stages of the route too long to start with, and provide as many alternative landing places as funds will permit.

(2) Establish weather report centres and a good forecasting service.

(3) Provide aids to navigation, particularly in the way of directional finding wireless.

(4) Decide on what you require from your aircraft, and employ a multi-engined type which can do the work you want.

(5) Provide adequate and efficient maintenance staff and facilities.

(6) Have at least 100 per cent reserve of machines and engines and,

(7) Do not be too ambitious at first.

Mail will probably pay best to start with. A beginning might be made with a service to Macao and Canton.

I should now like to refer briefly to some of the more recent important aviation developments, which are worth following. It is a peculiarity of aircraft design that with present materials and ideas it is practically impossible to obtain maximum efficiency in the three principal qualities required

for those coming after. We have, by no means, reached the stage at which our knowledge of aviation is sufficient to ensure safety and regularity in everything we attempt.

#### Present Day Difficulties.

Again, with present day material and methods, you get to a point where, if you increase the size and consequently the structural and engine weights, you get a stage at which the power used is unable to lift the weight. Various other factors such as shape of wings and the angle at which they are set, arise. This fact is the subject of much argument and the big German flying boat, DOX, which is purely an experimental type, is a courageous attempt to test it practically. Weight, of course, includes fuel and freight, so it is important from the pay-load aspect. In consequence, the principal concern of designers is to reduce structural weight without sacrificing safety and efficiency.

As far as the aeroplane side is concerned the change-over to metal instead of wood offers possibilities of stronger and lighter construction, with better mass-production prospects, but the effects of vibration in producing what is called crystallisation, and what to do about rust and corrosion, and numerous other problems, has to be tried out practically. Other tests are being made with the structure and shape of wings to reduce weight and obtain greater lift from them. The problem of whether the monoplane is a better all-round performer than the biplane is to be investigated thoroughly this year by the Air Ministry at Home, and there is an informative article in to-day's issue of the *South China Morning Post* on this matter.

#### Safety Devices.

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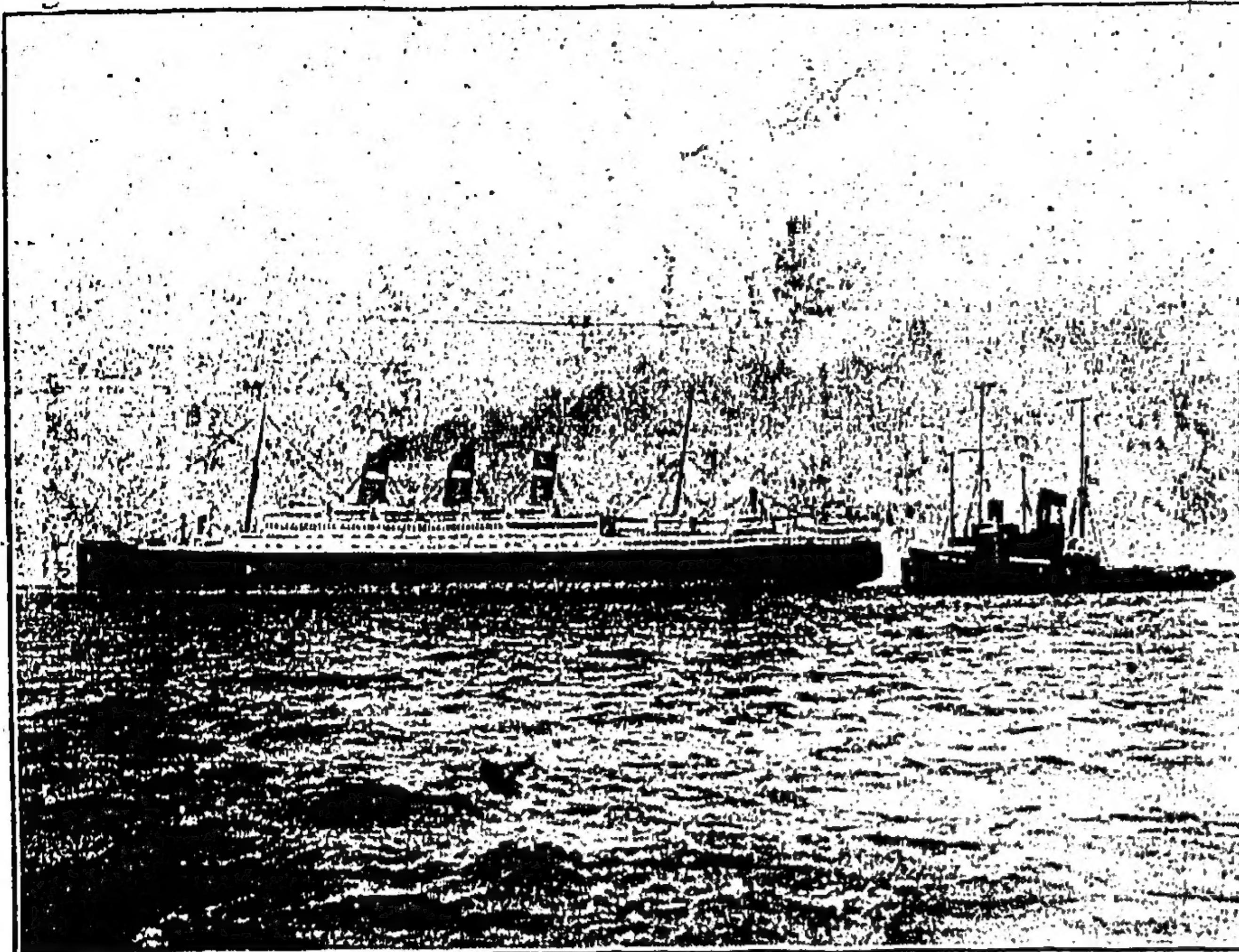
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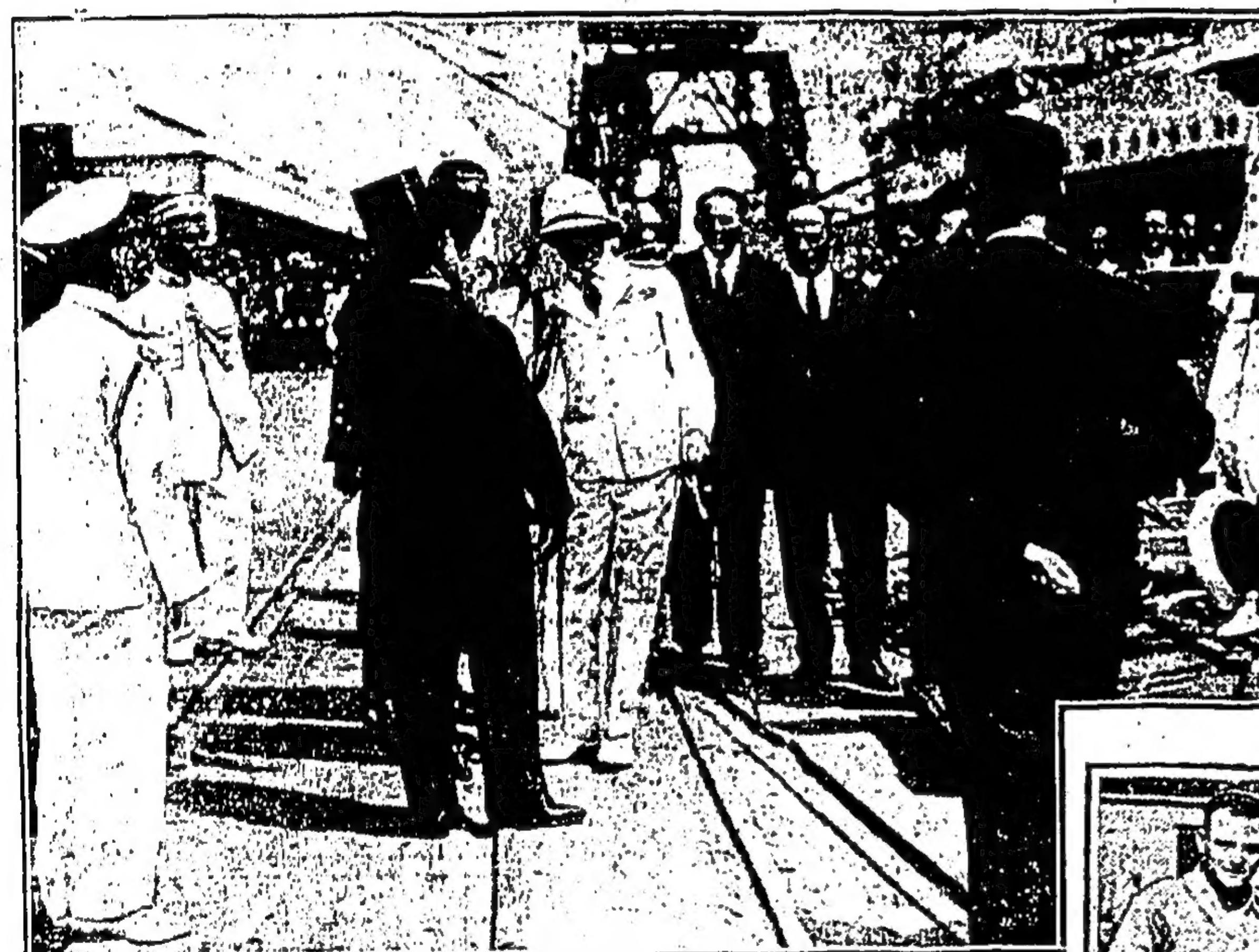
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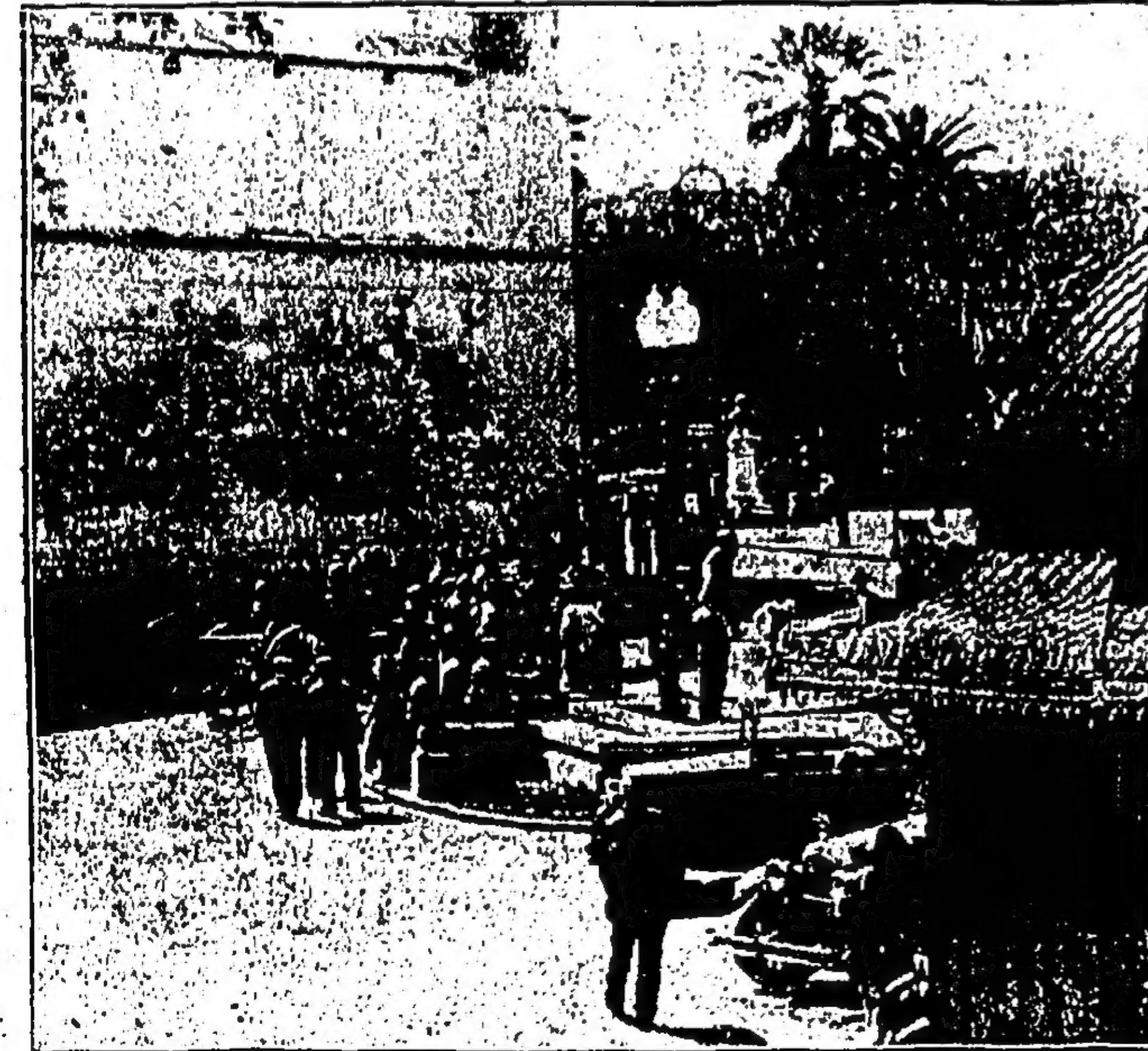
The Holland-Amerika liner Statendam aground on the South Brambles shoal at the entrance to Southampton Water. (Times copyright.)



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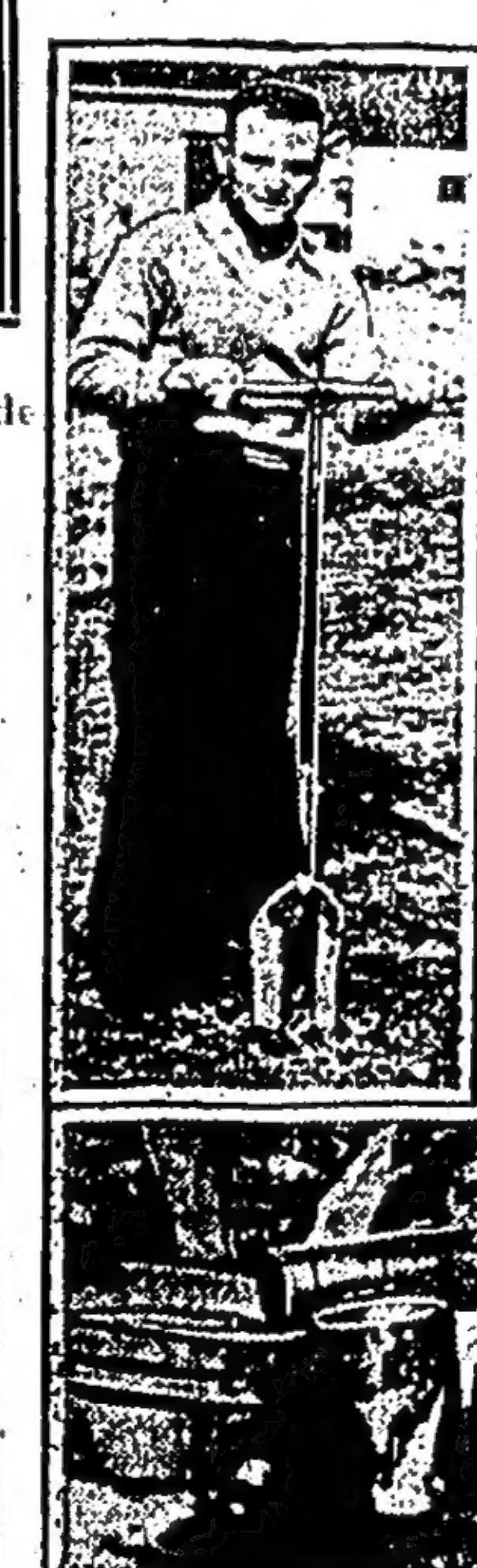
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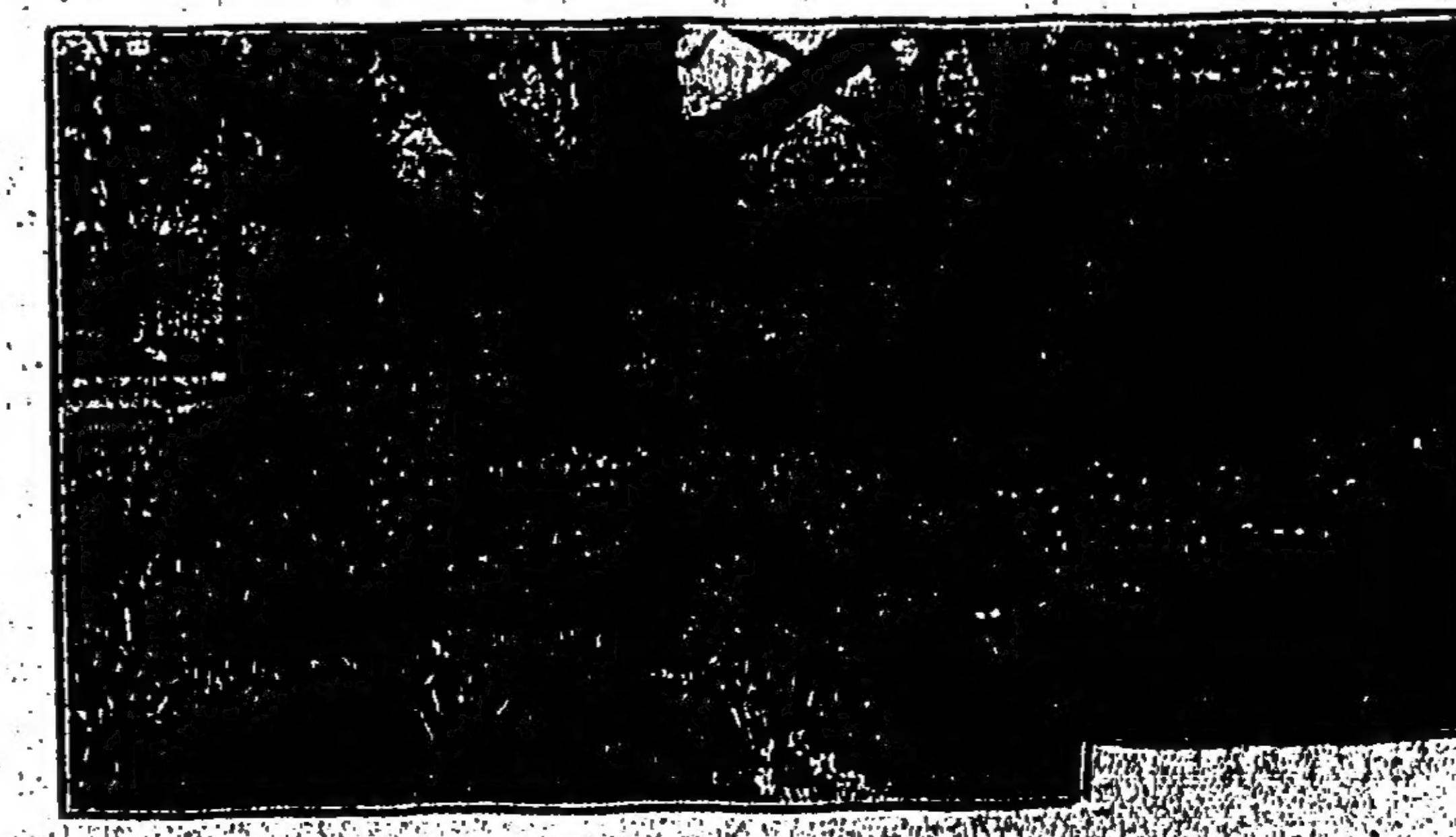
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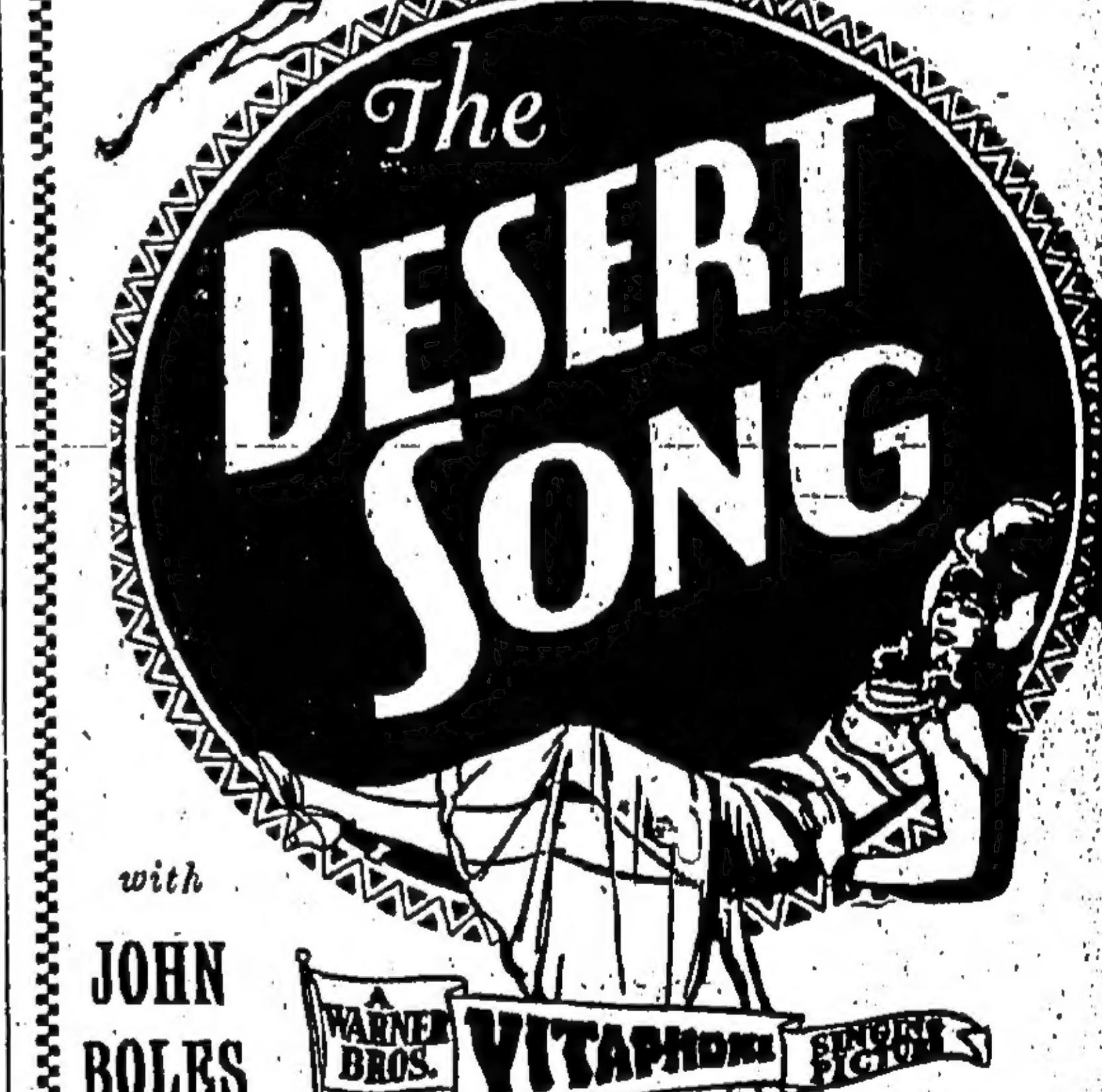
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## NOTICE.

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All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House on the 27th day of May, 1931, immediately after the half-yearly meeting of the Voting Members when the subjoined resolution will be proposed:

"That Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Club be altered by deleting therefrom the words "Ordinary Members may be unlimited in number" and substituting therefore the words "The number of Ordinary Members shall be one thousand two hundred or such greater number as the Voting Members shall from time to time determine."

AND NOTICE is also hereby given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Club will be held at the same place on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of June, 1931, at a quarter past five o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meetings and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS.

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PITIFUL STORY  
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TALE OF POVERTY TOLD  
TO MAGISTRATE.

A pitiful scene was enacted at the Central Police Court to-day at the close of a hearing in which a young Chinese was convicted on a charge of stealing a jersey from a drying-pole in a Wan Chai back-yard.

It was disclosed that he had had three previous convictions for similar offences, and, having been whipped on the two previous occasions without any apparent effect, was sent to prison for six weeks on the commission of the third offence.

He now told the Court that he had gone straight for a year and a half, but was forced to steal after running away from home five days ago. "I was not given any food at home," he declared.

The Magistrate (Mr. Schofield) had the mother brought into Court this morning, when she disagreed that defendant had run away from home. "His father is suffering from beri-beri and unable to find work in the country. All our property has been burnt down" at Samshui and we are poor."

She was asked if she could find surety for the boy's good behaviour, and replied that she knew of a shop which might or might not be willing to furnish the bond.

The rest of her remarks were incoherent, as she broke into tears.

The Magistrate gave a remand of twenty-four hours to enable surety to be found, failing which he indicated that the culprit would have to go to prison for two months.

The studio is giving me another chance at a serious role while they still are in a dazed condition. Before I go through

I'll show them that Marie Dressler is as much the dramatic actress as the bufoon!" And here the "great dramatic actress" could retain her

## CINEMA NOTES.

"DESERT SONG" DWARFS  
STAGE VERSION.

Screen operetta is now fact. Through the magic of the talking picture, "The Desert Song," one of the most tuneful and most popular musical plays ever shown on the stage, has been brought to the screen, and has been produced on a scale that would be impossible in the theatre.

Sigmund Romberg's score with its magnificent choruses and the lilting charm of its beautiful solo numbers, has been reproduced by Vitaphone in all its original glory.

The remarkable production qualities included in "The Desert Song" have been equalled by the unusual excellence of the all-star cast presented by Warner Brothers.

The scenes throughout the picture are especially beautiful, ranging from an extensively French military post in Morocco to encampments of the Red Shadow and his band of native Rifles in rocky passes of the mountains, and intriguing visitors of the rolling sands of the great African deserts, with the Riffs, singing as they go, riding their magnificent horses at breakneck speed into the setting sun.

The all-star cast of "The Desert Song" includes John Boles, Louise Fazenda, Carlotta King, Johnny Arthur, John Miljan, Marie Wells, Jack Pratt, Edward Martindel, Otto Hoffman, Robert E. Guzman, Myrna Loy and many others, as well as a chorus of one hundred beautiful voices. Roy Del Ruth directed, and the operetta was adapted for the screen by Harvey H. Gates.

"The Desert Song" will be the attraction at the World Theatre beginning to-morrow.

## "Whoopee" at Queen's Theatre.

Cinema in motion pictures is bringing before the public a number of great beauties who are at present unknown to film-goers, although their pulchritude is celebrated on Broadway. Two striking examples are Ethel Shutta and Eleanor Hunt, who play leading roles in "Whoopee," the Florenz Ziegfeld-Samuel Goldwyn all-colour film returning by popular request to the Queen's Theatre to-day.

Some of the new stars will be actresses of legitimate stage who had failed in black and white camera tests, it is pointed out by Dr. Herbert T. Kalmar, President of the Technicolour Corporation. Others will be obscure extra girls in Hollywood. Girls from all walks of life will gain their big chance because colour will reveal their true charm.

"With scores of feature productions in technicolour showing throughout the United States next year, it seems certain that 1931 will see the rise of great beauties who are at present entirely unknown to motion picture audiences," Dr. Kalmar said.

"Recent improvements in the technicolour process have made it possible to reproduce flesh tints accurately and the exact colour of hair and eyes. While this is not of so much importance in photographing men, it is vital in presenting women on the screen. Now, when you see a close-up of an actress in colour, you see her exactly as she would appear on the stage, from a seat in the front row. Beauty is not so much contour of face as it is colouring and at last the motion picture producer is able to give you his stars exactly as they appear in the flesh."

Their beauty, also, is enhanced by colour in costumes and in settings. Many of the stars now in motion pictures will be reglorified in colour. Motion picture fans will find that they have not realised the true beauty of some of their favourite actresses, and it is not unlikely that colour will discover great beauties among the extra girls in Hollywood girls who have been snubbed by the black and white camera."

The coming of technicolour into motion pictures is going to tame the camera. It probably will not sound the knell of many a screen favourite. They and their hair-dressers and the lighting experts and the photographers and the make-up men, have learned how to fix up their blemishes and to turn bad lines into good lines. These girls will suffer only in those cases in which the colour of their eyes and their hair, are by nature, undistinguishable, but which may have been satisfactory in black and white.

## Marie Dressler in Serious Role.

"Thank Heaven, I've got a straight role again!" This was Marie Dressler's verbal explosion when she first read the script of "Min and Mill," her latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture in which she will be seen on Saturday at the Queen's Theatre, in company with the jovial Wallace Beery.

"After being the butt of everybody's sneer jokes for the last sixteen years, it's a relief to be able to put on a few serious expressions for a change," the buxom comedienne declared. "Not that I expect to get away with it altogether. I know that no matter how much effort, determination and will-power I put into a straight characterization, there will always be someone in the audience who will start to howl the minute I put in my appearance. It must be my face"—and here Miss Dressler gave herself a dirty glance in the mirror of her dressing room.

"Of course I'm not being quite honest when I say it's my first serious role in sixteen years. I've done my share of straight acting during that time and of course I recently had that grand part in 'Aida Christie,' but on the whole the public can't conceive of me in any position other than that of being an excellent target for piers or coffee pots or some other clowning episodes. Anna Christie," said them of their guard, "I'm glad the studio is giving me another chance



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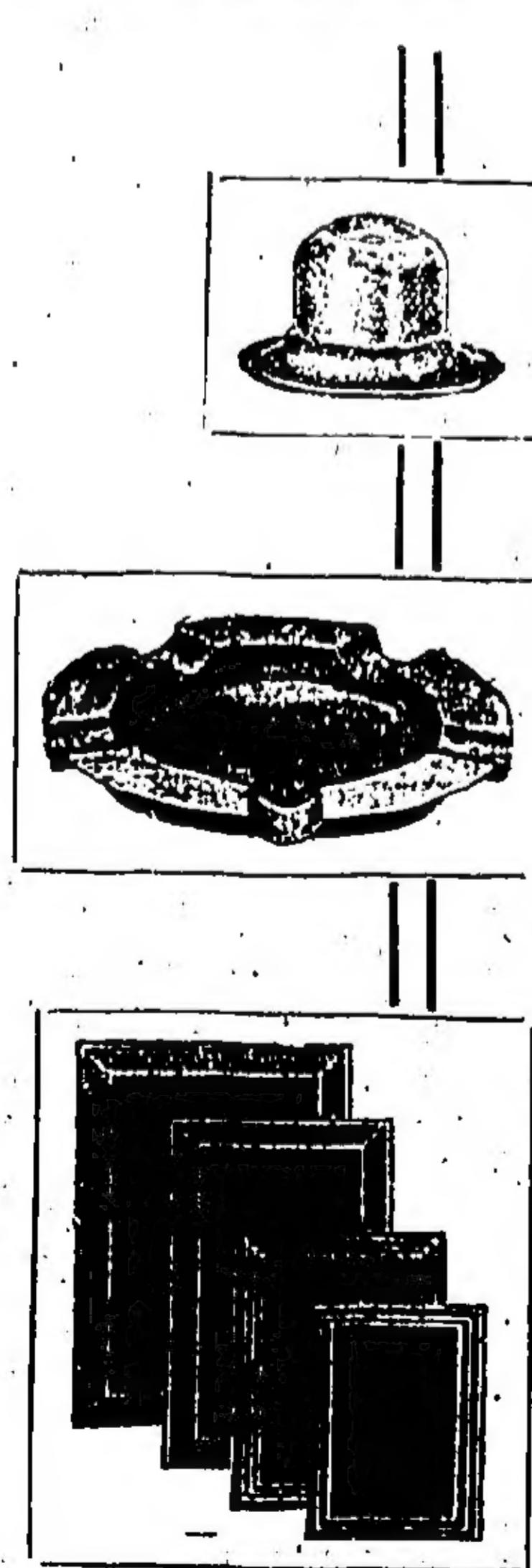
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**THE CHINESE CRISIS.**

The Chinese Government has carried through the meeting of the People's Convention with some resolution and much show of enthusiasm. To that extent it may be said that the attempt to raise the banner of revolt just in time to scotch the Convention has failed. As a matter of fact there is no sign that anything has been done at the Convention that had not already been thoroughly worked out beforehand. It has automatically registered the decisions previously made by the Government after vocal opposition had been silenced by the arrest of Mr. Hu Han-min. The consequences of that arrest are, however, daily becoming more and more manifest. We hold now, as we held at the time of the arrest, that the breach made is fundamental. In the impeachment drawn up by our members of the Supervisory Board against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek this is one of the main counts.

Mr. Sun Fo, the son of the Founder, and a member of the family alliance which has strengthened Chiang Kai-shek's position, made the setting free of Mr. Hu a condition of his returning to Nanking, whence he fled to Shanghai when Canton declared against the Government. The defection of Dr. Wang Chung-hui, who was chairman of the committee which drafted the new Provisional Constitution, gravely weakens the prestige of the Government. Last-minute attempts to persuade Mr. Hu to put in an appearance at the Convention, and so indicate that he is not a prisoner, failed. The conditions were such that he would have had no freedom of speech, since, it is reported, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek insisted on seeing the draft of whatever speeches he intended to make. Thus, although the revolt staged at Canton might seem to have won—but a poor response in other parts of the country, and there is lacking evidence of a pact between discontented elements in the North and the South, yet the popular support on which the Government must rest has been seriously weakened, and Chiang Kai-shek, under cover of a popular Convention has advanced another step in the direction of absolutism.

We fail to see how "diplomatic means" can solve the present crisis, except by a temporary accommodation between the parties until the forces opposed to the Government can co-ordinate themselves for a more successful effort.

Popular attitude to the Nanking Government probably is represented by a real desire that it should be maintained, that there is not yet sufficient reason to get rid of it, and no prospect of anything so good to replace it. Except in Canton, and probably excluding many elements in that city and province, there is a feeling of pride and satisfaction in the achievements of the Government, especially its noteworthy successes in foreign policy. The movement therefore receives support only as a cry against the head of the Government. We doubt if Chiang Kai-shek has ever been popular. At present his stock is declining, and the aim of the opposition tends to be to get rid of Chiang but to preserve the Government. If, however, as seems increasingly likely, Chiang makes himself so much the master of the Government as to change the direction of Kuomintang policy, then sooner or later the Government will be overthrown in order to reconstitute it without the present chief.

**The Wreckers.**

After leading the Tory Peers in the wrecking of the Land Utilisation Bill, Lord Hallsham should, at least, have omitted to crow over the success of their tactics. There is no achievement in wrecking the will upon a defenceless opposition. Nearly everything in the Bill which made it valuable to its promoters has been ruthlessly destroyed. The whole of the proposals enabling large-scale farming experiments with a view to fostering improved methods in agriculture have been swept away, together with the proposal to provide demonstration farms. The clause providing for the acquiring of land needing drainage or reclamation—enabling workless to be profitably employed—has been so encumbered with qualifying amendments as to render the whole Bill practically unworkable. Most of the proposals were regarded in non-party circles as absolutely necessary as a scientific aid to agricultural revival in Great Britain, many of them were designed by non-party experts and merely embodied in a Government Bill. None of these considerations weighed with Lord Hallsham and his followers. The whole measure was chopped to fragments. Furthermore, the Tory ex-Minister rendered highly unlikely any possibility of a compromise between the hereditary House and the democratic Ministry by the tone of the speech in which he demanded as a condition of more leniency towards certain clauses, that the Government should pledge themselves not to insist upon its financial privilege. Never was a constitutional quarrel more lightly challenged, and the Government's emphatic refusal was inevitable. The tactics of the Conservative Party in the House of Lords are destined to lead the rank and file to disaster unless wanton wrecking enthusiasms are curbed. "I am not afraid of the issue of the Peers versus the People," says Lord Hallsham but the noble Peer is out of his time. This is the twentieth century, and nothing is more likely to keep the Labour Government in power than a justified appeal to the country against partisan obstruction of democratic legislation.

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**DAY BY DAY**

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The P. and O. ss. Comorin, from London, Straits and Manila, is due here at noon on Friday.

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on the 25th April, arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on the 17th May, having been 22 days in transit.

The rainfall registered at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 3.84 inches. This makes the total since January 1st 20.41 inches, against an average of 18.22.

The following police officers are proceeding home on leave by the P. & O. Comorin, sailing on Saturday—Detective Sergeant Paton, Traffic Sergeant McInnes and Lance Sergt. Sherry.

A Chinese injured himself seriously when he attempted suicide by throwing himself from the second floor of 318, Queen's Road West. The man was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital last night.

A Chinese police guard who attempted to leave the afternoon train from Canton while it was moving into the Shumchun station yesterday afternoon fell, and sustained severe head injuries. He was taken on the train to Kowloon, where he was immediately rushed to hospital, and is reported to be in a critical condition.

**The Wreckers.**

An invitation is extended to members of the public interested in life-saving methods, to attend the regular classes now being held at the Central Police Station and at the Police Training School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when members of the Force are undergoing training. Pamphlets on the subject are available, and these can be obtained on application to Mr. R. J. Hunt, at the Central Police Station.

Gregory Popoff and Zinowig, A Binkin were sentenced to two months' imprisonment each by Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon this morning, for having staved away on the s.s. Hangang from Shanghai. It was stated that the two men had hidden in a lifeboat. In passing sentence Mr. Hamilton said defendants would be sent back to Shanghai on the expiration of their sentence, and he advised them to tell their friends not to stow away to Hongkong as they would get three months and not two.

**The Casting-Net.**

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**THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.**

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**Water Levels.**

**DETAILS FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.**

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	May 18.	May 19.
West River at Shihling	—	—
North River at Tsingyuen	4.8	7.8
North River at Samshui	7.0	7.1
East River at Sheklung	8.3	7.2

The highest levels recorded are: Shihling, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.6 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 6 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.



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**THE SPORT OF ANTLER CUTTING.**

By Sir JOHN BLAND-SUTTON.

NARA, formerly the capital of Japan, is situated on the slope of some picturesque hills 25 miles from Osaka. It is famous among other wonders for shrines, temples and a colossal bronze Buddha. The approach to Nara is through a well-wooded park in which tall cryptomeria and evergreen oaks flourish and also a large herd of Japanese deer.

**Tricks of the Ring.**

The Master is garbed in a coloured cape and a head-covering of comic shape, not unlike helmet. He is attended by a page armed with a bow-saw; with this saw he lops each antler just above the burr. There is no bleeding, no manifestation of pain; and no struggling. The cut surface is anointed with antiseptic paste and the buck is set free.

I saw ten bucks "dehorned." The clever animals quickly learn the tricks of the ring and, cunningly avoid the net. Their tactics in the arena are exciting; they try to escape the net by galloping so close to the wall of the ring that the retinarius has much difficulty in throwing it over the antlers.

Occasionally when the net settles on the antlers the clever little beast disentangles it, much to the delight of the audience. Not infrequently a buck turns on the drovers and routs them! For the audience this is exciting.

Japanese deer are small, very agile, and jump splendidly. Occasionally keepers who take part in the dehorning are injured—sometimes fatally. An occasional accident is the sequel of any manly sport.

I returned to Nara the day following my visit, and found bucks which had been "dehorned" the previous day mingling with does and children, eating oatmeal cakes. I approached one; it was humble and unconcerned, but harmless, and permitted me to examine the sawn surface of the burr; when touched it was as insensitive as wood.

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The method of catching these active animals consists in driving half-a-score into the arena; in the middle of the arena half-a-dozen men, each armed with a strong open-meshed casting-net, with a strong rope to serve as a sling, receive them, and as the bucks rush past the men endeavour to throw the net over the antlers.

If the net is correctly thrown and settles over the antlers the most innocent share this dislike of finger-prints with the most guilty. They feel as though, if their fingerprints were taken, they might almost as well be wearing prison clothes at once. They associate finger-prints with murderers, burglars and Scotland Yard, and a finger-print system would give them the sensation that they were being shadowed by detectives wherever they went. I confess I wish the State put no worse outrage on me than to take an impression of my thumb. I simply cannot understand the point of view of those people who say to the State: "You may take as much of my income as you like, but you must not take my finger-print." There is nothing that I grudge less to the State than my finger-print. The State may have it for threepence. It may have it for nothing.

As a matter of fact, the State knows so much about me already that it may as well know everything. It knows how much—or, rather, how little—money I make. It knows my age, my address, the rent I pay, the colour of my eyes and hair, and I have seen an official writing down on a State document—inaccurately, I maintain—that I have "moles on right and left flanks." Who, in the circumstances, would hesitate to throw in a finger-print?

Besides, it was nature, not the police, that invented the lines on our fingers, and there is no more need to be ashamed of them than of our features. I for one would much rather be known to the police by the lines on my thumb than by my passport photograph. No policeman, seeing my passport photograph, could fail to suspect me of being, at least, a receiver of stolen goods, whereas, if I were dragged into court, the print of my thumb would triumphantly establish my innocence. Some years ago, indeed, an innocent man was saved from conviction by his fingerprint in spite of having been identified as a criminal by 38 witnesses.

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**DRINKS CONSUMED AFTER HOURS.****NOMINAL FINE ON LOCAL HOTEL.****10 MINUTES ENOUGH.**

A nominal fine was imposed by Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court this morning on Mr. Alphonse Hunt, manager of the St. Francis Hotel, who was summoned for allowing alcohol to be consumed on the premises of the Hotel during prohibited hours.

Mr. G. R. Hall Bruton appeared for the defendant and entered a plea of guilty to a technical offence, as there was no doubt, he said, that people were in the Hotel drinking after midnight. There was no summons for serving drinks after twelve, but merely for drinking after that hour. The drinks which were being consumed had been purchased before midnight and, Mr. Bruton submitted, the proprietor was entitled to a reasonable time after twelve for drinks purchased before midnight to be consumed. The summons stated that the time was 12.30 a.m., but the Hotel said it was 12.20, although they were not disputing the difference of ten minutes.

Continuing, Mr. Bruton mentioned that since being spoken to by Inspector Bloor, the management had had notices printed, notifying customers to leave at 12.10 a.m. at the latest. There had been no complaint since or before the present summons.

Inspector Bloor said that when he visited the premises in company with Sub-inspector Smith he found fifteen persons in the lounge and another nine in the bar. They all had drinks before them and made no attempt to clear them away, giving the appearance that they intended to be there for some time. Mr. Hunt was not there at the time, as he was visiting a sick friend and it was probable that people in the Hotel took advantage of his absence.

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Bloor said that the Hotel had conducted their business in a satisfactory manner before.

His Worship remarked that ten minutes after twelve was sufficient time for customers to consume what drinks were purchased before midnight.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

**WELL-TO-DO COUPLE IN SUICIDE PACT.***(Continued from Page 1.)*

development which occurred as the bodies were being taken out from the Hotel.

**Too Late!**

As the bodies appeared in the lobby, a man rushed in, who gave vent to an exclamation as he took in the situation. He told the Hotel people that he was a relative of the dead man and that he had come down post-haste from Canton, arriving only shortly before on the evening train, upon receipt of a communication from the deceased disclosing his intentions of committing suicide.

He was prostrated over the fact that he had been just a little late in preventing the tragedy.

The identity of the male suicide was then revealed, in a statement by this relative. It appears from this that the young man was the son of a Canton merchant, who with ambitions of his own, had started out on business on his own account and had failed disastrously. It appears also that his affections had been given to a young lady who is said to have rejected his proposal of marriage. Disappointed in every respect, he had then decided to take his life. In the meantime it seems he had made the acquaintance of a young woman named Chan Sze, and the two, perhaps drawn together by a common cause, had resolved to die together.

**PORUGAL'S TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT.****JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS IN LISBON.**

An official message received by the Governor of Macao from the Minister for the Colonies, kindly forwarded to us by the Consul-General for Portugal, states that on Monday national homage was paid to the President of the Republic, when thousands of people from the provinces visited the capital.

The occasion was marked by the laying of the first stone of the new port works, and there was a big parade of troops. Subsequently, a brilliant reception was held at the Palace, attended by thousands of people of all classes.

Several other functions were held, being participated in by huge crowds, and everywhere there was evidence of loyalty to the President of the Republic and the Dictatorship.

**LANCASHIRE HUMBLED.***(Continued from Page 1.)***LANCASHIRE LEVELLED TO THE DUST.**

Twice Skittled Out for Less Than 100.

The Lancasters suffered an ignominious defeat at the hands of Worcester, who are generally included among the rabbits, though doubtless the weather conditions had a good deal to do with the wretched display put up by Lancashire.

The batsmen failed utterly in both innings, which together produced less than Worcester's first innings total. Perks, in the first innings, and Root, in the second, were practically unplayable. Root taking 9 wickets for 23 in Lancashire's second knock.

The "rabbits" batted first and despite good bowling by Dick Tyldesley (5 for 31) they compiled the useful total of 169 runs. Lancashire were totally incapable of adjusting themselves to a sticky wicket and were all out for 75! Perks dismissed five of their batsmen at a cost of 19 runs.

Worcester's second knock produced 117 (Tyldesley, 6 for 28), Lancashire being set the task of obtaining 212 runs to win. Not only was the task beyond them, but at no time did they ever look like making a fight of it. Root, the leg-theorist, had them puzzled all the way as his figures show. The last wicket fell with a total of 35.

**KENT COLTS' SUCCESS.**

**Four Wickets for Five Runs.**

At the close of the first innings of Kent and Derbyshire at Derby, there was nothing to suggest the likelihood of Kent's easy victory by nine wickets. Alan Watt, one of the Kentish Colts, did some remarkable bowling when Derby took their second knock, however, and Kent's early batsmen made a great stand in difficult conditions.

Derbyshire elected to bat first and their innings produced 150 runs, Freeman taking 5 wickets for 63 runs.

Kent obtained a narrow lead on the first innings, compelling 170. The low score was principally due to the magnificent bowling of Slater, the only Derby bowler to cause the visitors serious trouble. He concluded the innings with an analysis of 8 wickets for 63 runs.

Derby were dismissed for 137 on batting again, a collapse being brought about by Watt, whose four wickets cost five runs! Kent knocked off 119 runs, giving them victory, for the loss of only one wicket.

**M.C.C. COLLAPSE.**

**Whole Side Out For Pality 48.**

At Lord's to-day, the New Zealanders followed up their first innings advantage against the M.C.C. by rattling the Headquarters team out for a paltry 48. The tourists won by an innings and 122 runs.

The weather played a part of course, New Zealand had the benefit of perfect conditions on Saturday and they hit up a total of 392 runs for the loss of nine wickets. The skipper, T. C. Lowry, the ex-Cantab, obtained 101 not out.

They declared their innings closed, and the M.C.C. were dismissed for 132, Crump taking 6 wickets for 46 runs. They followed on in wretched conditions, and collapsed utterly, out for 48. W. E. Merritt, the "Tourists" slow bowler, took 7 wickets for 28 runs.

**EXTRAORDINARY GAME.**

**Captains Manoeuvring at Oval.**

Some extraordinary manoeuvring by the rival captains was the feature of the match between Surrey and Hampshire at the Oval. When the weather broke, the Hampshire skipper surrendered first innings points, in the hope, apparently, of getting Surrey out quickly and forcing a win when the weather improved. Ideas were upset, however, and Hampshire were nearer to defeat than to victory when stumps were drawn. Surrey made 246 (Kennedy 6 for 86) and Hampshire declared after hitting up 127 for 9 wickets! Surrey's second knock produced 103 for 2 declared, Hampshire going in needing 222 to win. They had lost 5 wickets for 125 when stumps were drawn.

**A GREAT FIGHT.**

**Hammond at the Top of His Form.**

Good cricket when Sussex and Gloucester meet is taken for granted, and spectators at the Brighton ground were not disappointed. But for weather upsets the finish would undoubtedly have proved thrilling. As conditions were, Gloucester had to be content with first innings points.

The battle was splendid, Hammond giving a wonderful display, obtaining 108 not out in a total of 289 for 5 wickets.

**VATICAN PROTEST TO SPAIN.****REIMBURSEMENT DEMAND REPORTED.**

Madrid, May 18. Extremists are demanding the expulsion of all Jesuits from Spain. President Zamora, himself a Catholic, is perplexed by the religious situation and the demand has added to his problems.

The periodical *Crisol*, representing staunch Republican circles, has joined Communist organs in demanding the banishment of the Jesuits.

The departure of Cardinal Segura has been followed by reports that he will not return to Spain.

It is reported, but not confirmed, that the Vatican's protest demanded that the Government apologize for anti-Catholic deprivations, and reimburse the church for losses and punish the guilty.

Communists are attacking the Republic as too conservative and are urging Spain to have "a real revolution" to abolish the army, expel the religious orders, confiscate property and divide the land.

**IRAK PETROLEUM SETTLEMENT.****INCOME TAX AGREEMENT RATIFIED.**

London, May 19. The agreement between the Irak Government and the Irak Petroleum Company was ratified yesterday.

It was in March that the agreement was signed between the Irak Government and the Irak Petroleum Company, comprising British, French, American and Dutch interests, after months of protracted negotiations, principally involving income tax which the Irak Government originally claimed on the profits derived from the Company's operations even outside Irak.

The agreement provides income tax on profits in Irak only and an annual consolidated payment dependent on actual tonnage production. The agreement disposes of the pipe lines which are being built both to Tripoli and Haifa.—*Reuters*.

Sussex found Parker's bowling too good for them on taking first knock, and the side was dismissed for 107 (Parker 5 for 59). Gloucester made 289 for 5 and declared.

Sussex's reply was equally brilliant. With a wicket which seemed to favour the bowlers, Bowley and Cook got on top of the attack, both reaching three figures. Bowley was dismissed after compiling 103, while Cook had obtained 101 not out when stumps were drawn with the total at 238 for three wickets.

Displaying a rattan basket, the officer showed where copper plates had been neatly fitted into the bottom of the basket and the opium concealed in between.

On account of its resiliency, the opium having adhered to the copper plates, Monopoly officials had to boil the opium out before they could arrive at the exact extent of the seizure.

The convicted smuggler, who was arrested on the waterfront, after arriving here from up-river, said he was bound for Samoa.

A fine of \$9,000, or a year's hard labour in default, was imposed.

**ROBERT LYND'S FINGER PRINTS.****KOWLOON BUS FARES.***(Continued from Page 1.)*

tance, even as compared with the needs of public utility companies.

**Hopless Quest.**

The fact that the mere abstention from leasing the beach for other purposes did not make it available for public bathing was commented on, and it was agreed to endeavour to secure from Government an undertaking that in the event of private enterprise securing permission to provide facilities thereon, adequate notice would be given of any intention to terminate such permission.

In the course of the debate on this subject, it was reported that the Bathing Beaches Sub-Committee had offered the whole of the Peninsula in search of beaches within reasonable distance of the urban area suitable for public bathing, and had found that none existed other than Lai Chi Kok and the beach at Tai Wan.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Committee held prior to the special meeting it was agreed to recommend the re-appointment of Mr. Wyke for a further period of two years as a member of the Board of Education, and in addition to the usual routine business, it was decided to approach the Colonial Secretary with regard to the provision of a parking space for cars at the Yau Ma Tei Ferry Wharf.

The meetings were held in St. Andrew's Church Hall. The President of the Association (Mr. F. C. Mow Fung) was in the chair, and other members present included Capt. C. B. Riggs (Vice-President), Mr. C. Terry (Hon. Secretary), Mr. W. J. Brown (Hon. Treasurer), Messrs. E. C. Tregillus, W. Goldenberg, H. Un, H. Pooley, E. H. Crapnell, E. Cock, D. Manton, L. D'Almada e Castro, Jnr., C. M. Manners, B. Wyke, H. Pestonji, F. Stapleton, the Rev. W. W. Rogers and Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews.

**CLEVERLY HIDDEN OPIUM.****COPPER LAYERS IN RATTAN BASKET.**

An extremely clever means of concealing contraband opium was revealed by Revenue Officer Ward at the Central Police Court this morning when he charged a Chinese with the possession of 75 taels of the drug.

Displaying a rattan basket the officer showed where copper plates had been neatly fitted into the bottom of the basket and the opium concealed in between.

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**RADIO BROADCAST****FAREWELL RECITAL BY MR. HARRY ORE.**

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme, 7.00-10.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

7.00-7.30 p.m. Operatic.

7.30-8.00 p.m. Band-Trovatore Selection (Verdi).

8.00-8.30 p.m. Song-Cavallera Rusticana (Well you Know, Good Mother)

8.30-8.42 p.m. Song-Tosca (Love and Music)

8.42-8.52 p.m. Maria Jerita (Soprano), 1346.

8.52-9.00 p.m. Band-Cavallera Rusticana-Selection (Mascagni).

9.00-9.30 p.m. Creator's Band, 35776.

9.30-9.48 p.m. Variety.

9.48-10.00 p.m. Orchestral-When You and I Were Seventeen.

10.00-10.30 p.m. Orchestral-Yearning.

10.30-10.48 p.m. Victor Solo Orchestra, 19702.

10.48-11.00 p.m. Orchestral-Kashmiri Song-Mattinata.

11.00-11.30 p.m. Orchestral-The Merry Widow-Waltz.

11.30-11.48 p.m. The Troubadours, 19632.

11.48-12.00 p.m. Steel Guitars-When It's Love-Time in Hawaii.

12.00-12.15 p.m. Steel Guitars-Down Hawaii Way.

12.15-12.30 p.m. Green Brothers' Marimba Orchestra, 19680.

12.30-12.45 p.m. Pipe Organ Solo-Lenox Avenue Blues.

12.45-12.55 p.m. Thomas Waller, 20357.

12.55-1.00 p.m. Eddie Peabody and His Banjo, 20483.

1.00-1.15 p.m. Orchestral-Petite Suite (Bizet).

1.15-1.30 p.m. Minuet of the Little Lead Soldiers (Pierre).

1.30-1.45 p.m. Victor Concert Orchestra, 19730.

1.45-1.55 p.m. Romance (Tschaikowsky).

1.55-1.58 p.m. In a Monastery Garden (Albert Ketelbey).

1.58-1.59 p.m. In a Chinese Temple Garden (Ketelbey).

1.59-1.59 p.m. International Concert Orch. 35777.

1.59-1.59 p.m. Blue Danube Waltz (Johann Strauss).

1.59-1.59 p.m. Wedding Dance (Paul Lincke).

1.59-1.59 p



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#### LOCAL YACHTING.

##### YESTERDAY'S RACE FOR YACHT BOYS.

A race for yacht boys of the R. H. K. Yacht Club was held yesterday, the course being—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark on Line (S), Rumsey Shoal (S), Mark on Line (P), Kowloon Rock (S), Lyman Beacon (S), Mark on Line (S), Rumsey Shoal (S), a distance of 13.1 miles. The race commenced at 2 p.m., and resulted as follows:

Rolla	(3)
Norena	(2)
Argilla II	(1)
Any Wonder?	(4)
Wings	D.N.F.
Blousocket	(6)
Speedwell	(10)
Loin	(6)
Daphne	(8)
Alisa	(9)
Jessamine	(8)

#### LAWN BOWLS.

##### K.B.G.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club's teams for Saturday's Lawn Bowls League fixtures are:

1st Team v. Takoo (away).—Rodger, G. H., Sheriff, H., Nish, W., Russell (skip); R. S. Nichol, T. S. West, G. E. Royleance, D. F. Warren (skip); G. J. Chambers, T. Ferguson, E. W. L. Hogbin, L. Guy (skip). Reserve:—A. K. Taylor.

2nd Team v. Takoo (home).—H. F. Stoneham, J. J. Cameron, W. E. Hale, A. W. E. Davidson (skip); G. E. F. Thompson, G. Rodger, H. H. Rose, W. S. Drake (skip); F. V. Whittle, W. Venables, F. L. Rapley, V. Petchar (skip). Reserve:—J. A. Craig.

Both matches start at 3.30 p.m.

#### EXCHANGE RATES.

Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris.....	124.32½
Geneva.....	25.23
Berlin.....	20.42½
Oslo.....	18.10½
Helsingfors.....	18.03½
Athens.....	.76
Buenos Aires.....	.36.3/10
Shanghai.....	1/2½
New York.....	4.80 17/32
Amsterdam.....	12.11
Stockholm.....	18.14½
Vienna.....	34.60½
Madrid.....	48.8
Bucharest.....	.817
Montevideo.....	.30
Hongkong.....	11½
Brussels.....	34.06½
Milan.....	.92.90½

The second defendant admitted that he had \$14 as part of the proceeds of the theft, and he was ordered by Mr. Hamilton to pay it to the police.

#### GIRL'S THEFT OF JEWELLERY.

##### GETS SENTENCE OF SIX WEEKS.

A seventeen year-old Chinese girl, Lau Kam-lam, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment by Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning on admitting a charge of stealing, between May 12 and 18, from a dwelling house on the second floor of No. 337, Portland Street, two pairs of rattan bangles, two gold rings, a pair of gold ear-rings, and some pearls, to the total value of \$110, the property of the wife of Li Kal-chiu.

A man, Lo Kam, who said the girl was his sweetheart, was also charged, but he pleaded that he had only redeemed the articles of jewellery not knowing them to have been stolen. He was discharged.

It was stated in Court that the complainant made a report about the loss of his wife's jewellery on May 18, at 3.30 p.m. A detective was sent out and he went to the cubicle next to complainant's cubicle, occupied by the defendant. He searched the cubicle and defendant searched the cubicle and found some bills relating to the lost jewellery, which he later redeemed from a goldsmith's shop. The girl admitted that she had stolen the jewellery and had sold all except two rings on May 18. Two days later she pawned the rings and after three days the second defendant redeemed them. There was no other evidence, except the redeeming of the rings, against the second defendant, though the circumstances of against him were suspicious.

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#### SHARE PRICES.

##### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks, Hongkong Bank, \$2020 s.

Chartered Bank, £12 n.

Mercantile A; and B, £22½ n.

East Asia, \$120 b.

Insurances,

Canton Ins., \$1380 b.

Union Ins., \$640 b.

China Underwriters, \$5.85 s.

China Fires, \$600 b.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$1320 b.

Shipping,

Douglas, \$25 n.

H. K. Steamboats, \$28 n.

Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 b.

Union Waterports, \$27½ s.

Mining,

Benguela, \$9½ n.

Killana, 30/- n.

Shui Explorations, Tls. 2 n.

Rauba, \$38¾ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$168 b.

Whampoa Docks, \$34 n.

South China Motors \$10 n.

China Provident, \$5.85 b.

Hongkew, Tls. 285 n.

New Engineers, Tls. 6 n.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 112 n.

Cottons,

Ewo Cotton, Tls. 13.65 s.

Shai Cotton Tls. 102½ n.

Zoong Sings Tls. 11½ n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. K. and H. Hotels, \$18.35 b.

H. K. Land \$92 s.

Shai Land Tls. 43 n.

Humphrey's \$18½ b.

Realities, \$13¾ b.

Public Utilities,

Tramways, \$21.10 b.

Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.

Star Ferries, \$85 s.

China Lights, \$26½ b.

H.K. Electrics, \$60 b.

Macao Electrics, \$23 n.

Telephones, \$63 n.

China Buses, Tls. 18.60 n.

Singapore Tractions, 6/6 n.

Industrials,

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.

Malabon, \$39 n.

Canton Ices, \$3.50 b.

Cement (comb.), \$20½ b.

Ropes, \$23 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$27.30 b.

Watson, \$15½ b.

Der A. Wings, \$1 n.

Lane Crawford, \$6½ b.

Mackintosh, \$18 n.

Sinceres, \$14½ n.

Powell's, \$3½ n.

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### ANGLO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS.

#### THE PREMIER EXPLAINS HESITATION.

London, May 19. By 243 votes to 223, the House of Commons last night defeated a Conservative motion for a formal censure of the Foreign Office Vote, as a protest against the Government's policy regarding Russia. The motion complained that the Government had undertaken that the Soviet promise to abstain from propaganda against the British Empire by the Third International, yet those activities had been allowed to continue.

The Prime Minister said what was in dispute was, in effect, the relations between the Soviet Government and the Third International. As to whether the Soviet Government was endorsing recognition of the activities of the Third International, the Soviet Government said "No." The British Government said "Yes," and continued to say "Yes," because they knew what they were talking about. It was, however, the Government's duty to consider the consequences, and the Government would not break off relations, for the breach could make matters worse. The Government was inspired by the same reasons as inspired the Foreign Secretary in the late Conservative Government in 1925, and were to-day inspiring France and Germany, which had been treated even worse than Britain.—*British Wireless*.

### UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### CUSTOMS UNION PLAN FOR HAGUE COURT.

Geneva, May 19. The League Council experienced a sensation to-day, when a short, sharp reply was made by Dr. Curtius to M. Briand's statement that the political aspect of the Austro-German customs union should later be submitted to the League Council. Dr. Curtius declared: "If the Hague Court decides that the customs union is legal, it will be intolerable to bring Germany before the Council as a disturber of European peace."

The Council then proceeded to vote on Mr. Arthur Henderson's proposal to submit the legality of the Austro-German customs union to the Hague Court, and the proposal was adopted unanimously.—*Reuter*.

#### SIX PER CENT INDIA LOAN.

London, May 19. A £10,000,000 India loan at 6 per cent., redeemable in 1923-4, at an issue price of 100, is being underwritten to-day.—*Reuter*.

### MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN.

#### GIVES DEFINITE DENIAL TO RUMOURS.

London, May 19. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, has finally disposed of the rumours regarding his health in an interview with the *Daily Herald*.

He said that, apart from the fact that the wound following his recent operation would take some time to heal, he never felt better in his life. He added that he would attend the usual weekly meeting of the Cabinet to-morrow, and in reference to the report that another Minister would relieve him of his Parliamentary duties in connexion with the Finance Bill, he declared that he was still in charge of the Bill, and would see it through in the ordinary way.—*British Wireless*.

### H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

#### TO VISIT NANKING AND PEKING.

We learn that His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, is shortly going North on a visit to Nanking and Peking, and will be away for about three weeks. The visit to Nanking and to Peking will be an entirely informal one and Sir William will probably only spend one day in the National capital.

The intention is for His Excellency to leave Hongkong on June 5, by the Empress liner for Shanghai, going on to Nanking by train and then to Peking, also by train, returning to Hongkong before the end of June.

### MR. HAROLD SHANTZ.

#### AMERICAN CONSUL LEAVING FOR SINGAPORE.

It is learned that Mr. Harold Shantz, of the United States Consulate, Hongkong will be transferred to Singapore, instructions having been received yesterday morning to this effect.

Mr. Shantz has been a resident here for over five years, and is extremely popular with the local community, by whom his departure in about two weeks' time will be much regretted. He was acting Consul-General for about a year, before the arrival from Canton of Mr. Jenkins. Mr. Shantz is due for Home leave in the autumn.

#### SILVER PROBLEM.

#### NANKING APPROVES OF STABILISATION.

Nanking, May 19. It is learned reliably that the National Government endorses, on general principles, the proposed international conference to stabilize silver, and will support any international movement to deal with the present silver situation, but the National Government has not yet decided to initiate any such conference, although the matter is still being carefully studied.—*Reuter*.

### GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP.

#### PREMATURE LAUNCHING OF "DEUTSCHLAND."

Kiel, May 19.

A salute fired from all the ships and coastal batteries greeted the arrival of President Hindenburg to preside at the launching, in the presence of thousands of spectators. Of Germany's 10,000-ton battleship *Ersatz Preussen*, now christened the *Deutschland*, the £1,000,000 wonder ship.

This is the ship which upset the calculations of the world's armament experts. The vessel's cruising range is 18,000 miles, with a speed of 26 knots, six eleven-inch and eight five-inch guns, four anti-aircraft guns, and six torpedo tubes, being driven by four-weight Diesel engines of secret design. Germany plans to build three more *Deutschlands* before 1936.

The city was gaily flagged, and the whole German fleet was in the harbour, while the 56,000 spectators of the launching included the Chancellor, Dr. Bruening, Ministers, naval attaches, service men, students and 10,000 school children.

Dr. Bruening in a speech said Germany had shown the world that despite restrictions imposed on her and severe economic distress, she had found strength to safeguard peace and protect her honour. Germany was loyally fulfilling her disarmament obligations, and expected that disarming by others would follow.

There was a remarkable contretemps owing to a workman prematurely removing the wedges. The *Deutschland* glided into the water before she was christened, so President Hindenburg named her in the water.—*Reuter*.

### SALVATION ARMY.

#### COMING CHANGE IN GENERAL'S APPOINTMENT.

London, May 19. The House of Commons last night passed a resolution approving of a Bill that the General of the Salvation Army shall be elected by the High Council, and its property in Great Britain be vested in a custodian trust company. In favour of the Bill, which had the strong support of the Salvation Army, it was contended that Parliamentary sanction was necessary to do away, in practice, with the possibility that one General should appoint his successor.—*British Wireless*.

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Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	—	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	—	Oct. 25
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London, May 19.—Work is proceeding with all speed to ensure that when the new 70,000 tons Cunard liner is ready for service in the autumn of 1933, Southampton shall have ample berth and dry dock accommodation.

During the past month, two world records have been established. The first was set up in the work of dredging. In spite of the exceptionally heavy nature of the ground, which embraced large quantities of green sand and boulders, 750,000 tons had been lifted. The second record was the driving in of steel sheet piling, with which the area for the graving dock, which will be the largest in the world, is being enclosed.

The need for dock extensions was emphasised by last year's clearances at Southampton.

## DUKE OF ABERCORN RESIGNS FROM DIRECTORATE.

London, May 19.—The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company announce that the Duke of Abercorn resigned from the Court of Directors on April 16.—*Reuter*.

[On May 13 summonses were granted against Lord Kylsant, the chairman of the company, on a charge of alleged circulation of false reports, and a summons for alleged abetment was served the following day on the former auditor.]

Despite the exceptional depression, 7,500 vessels, almost all first class craft, were handled at Southampton. They represented a tonnage of 34,500,000 tons, and on several days as much as 250,000 tons of shipping was docked.

The fleet of dredgers engaged in the dredging operations numbers 60 vessels.—*British Wireless*.

## LOCAL AERIAL PROSPECTS.

(Continued from Page 2.)

normal point at which the machine would drop for want of sufficient forward speed for the wings to develop the necessary lift.

Auto-gyro, or windmill machine—suitable for, perhaps, the more veteran members of the Hongkong Flying Club, and the Pterodactyl, or flying wing, this being a machine without a tail, are also worth watching. Both can descend and ascend at much steeper angles and much more slowly than ordinary machines.

As regards engines, each year sees a further reduction in weight per horse power for increased horse power. The type favoured for its lightness is the air-cooled radial, with a weight per horse power of about 1.6 pounds per horse power, compared with about 2.50 pounds per horse power of the water-cooled, but steam-cooling, which dispenses with water weight may offset this disadvantage. Every country is experimenting with heavy oil engines, which offer so many advantages, such as reduced weight, lower consumption, and freedom from fire risks, to see if they can be made really successful so as to justify initial experimental expenses.

## Navigation Important.

As regards navigation, which is all-important nowadays, the tendency is to develop instruments to assist the pilot, or even replace him, as in the case of the automatic pilot, which is a well-known device, not appeared in last Saturday's *Hongkong Telegraph* as a robot pilot in a mystery machine, actually an improvement on the long-distance monoplane of England's fame. The automatic pilot works on the gyroscope and level principles. Actually it controls, by electrical contacts, where the machine gets off the level or course for which it is set beforehand, which is of immense value in bad weather and night flying, where personal error is apt to produce large navigational errors and even loss of control, as, without terrestrial objects or horizon, the human being tends to lose his sense of balance and direction. For example, if you get into a cloud without instruments to tell you what is happening, you may easily come out upside down, as did Alcock and Brown on the first flight ever made across the Atlantic in an aeroplane.

## Appeal to Business Men.

So, Gentlemen, there are, undoubtedly, vast possibilities in aviation, and we have really got to the stage where properly organised routes give reliability and regularity, but success can only be obtained by thorough ground organisation and a correct adjustment between the weight devoted to structure and instruments, in other words safety as against the attraction of increasing pay-load, which is so essential to commercial aviation. Scientists and technicians are increasingly building and directing aviation, but we have now reached a stage when we need men of business acumen and courage, to help us make use of the flying machine in the service of commerce, international goodwill and human progress generally. How much will you business men

## LOOTING AT WHAMPAO.

## ZOROASTRIAN PRAYER HOUSE BROKEN INTO.

It is reported by one of the Trustees of the Zoroastrian Funds that during the recent fighting at Whampao between the Peace Preservation Corps and the troops of General Chan-Chai-tong, the Prayer House was looted by Chinese soldiers.

According to the report of the Caretaker a number of men, all speaking Kwantung dialect, broke open the door of the compound and then proceeded to break open the glass doors leading into the main building. They ransacked and looted the premises, taking away furniture, crockery, linen and stores—in short, everything movable excepting the iron bedsteads. The goods were taken to a cargo boat which was later towed away by a launch.

This rest house was built only seven years ago, replacing the old historical prayer-house which had been in existence for eighty years. The new house, a ferro-concrete structure, cost \$25,000, the money being raised by the Parsee communities in Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton and Bombay.

The outrage has been reported to H. B. M. Consul General, Mr. H. Phillips, who has made representations to the Chinese authorities.

## AUDACIOUS ROBBERY.

## CHINESE JEWELLERY FIRM THE VICTIMS.

A new method of armed robbery was employed by a Chinese yesterday who took from the Wing Sing firm, of Queen's Road, some \$670 worth of jewellery.

According to a police report, the man telephoned the firm during the afternoon, asking to have a selection of jewellery sent up to a room at the Empress Hotel, next to the Western market. A fokl was sent along with the jewellery, and on opening the door was confronted by the man with a revolver. The man seized the parcel of jewellery, bundled the youth into the bathroom, locked the door and had made off before the surprised fokl recovered his wits.

The youth attracted attention by shouting, and when liberated told his tale to the police.

of Hongkong, and particularly of the Rotary Club, be prepared to help in the development of this new feature in human life?—(Applause).

## Hongkong Backward.

In expressing thanks to the speaker, Mr. P. S. Cassidy said that perhaps Hongkong had been a little backward as regards its interest in flying. They would all agree it was bound to develop enormously and to affect very considerably the future of the Colony. We had a wonderful aerodrome, and he quite appreciated Wing Commander Glynny's appeal to the business men of the Colony to give all the encouragement they could to those who were endeavouring to organise a flying service. He supposed they looked to the Government to take the lead, and added that the circumstances of the wretched dollar had handicapped business men. He said he

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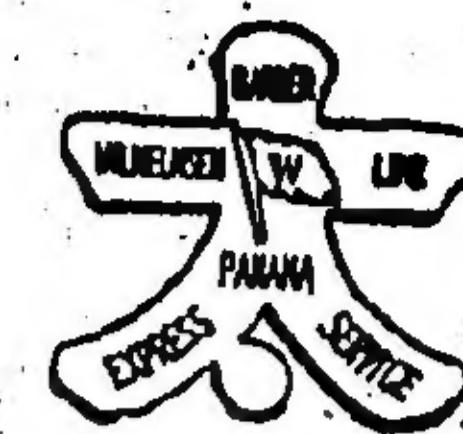
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*SOMALI	6,800	8th Aug.	M'les, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'burg, R'dn & A'werp
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**AMATEUR GOLF  
BATTLES.****VOIGHT THE LAST  
AMERICAN.****TOLLEY & WETHERED  
THROUGH.**

London, May 19.  
 Good progress was achieved in the third round of the British Amateur Golf Championship at Westward Ho-to-day, where all the American contenders with the exception of the strongest invader, Voight, were defeated.

A number of strongly-fancied candidates were removed, but Roger Wethered and C. J. H. Tolley are still going strong. L. G. Crawley, the Harrow schoolmaster and Essex cricketer, who won the English Native Championship recently, scratched.

Lister Hartley, of marmalade fame, beat one of the favourites in E. Tipple (Langley Park), and his brother Rex Hartley, beat Douglas Grant, the former Californian, by five and three.

## Fiddian's Success.

Dale Fiddian, the young Midland star, who eliminated the 1930 English champion, Dale Bourne, by 3 and 2 in the second round, went on to beat Hadden (U.S.A.) at the 21st hole in the third round.

A village gardener at Northam, adjacent to the course, was the hero of the morning, beating Tom Maguire (U.S.A.) by three and two. He went to work before the match and returned to his labours afterwards. He had a local milkman as his caddie.

The veteran Robert Harri, after beating the Scottish champion, Ken Greig, by two up in the morning, lost in the third round to Cyril Tolley, who is British favourite. Tolley played capitally and won by four and two.

## Another American Falls.

Martin Smith (Royal St. George's) beat John Forster (Winged Foot, U.S.A.) at the

**REBELLION AT SAN  
THOME.****PORTUGUESE GOVERNOR  
DEPORTED.**

Lisbon, May 19.  
 The wave of rebellion which has been sweeping through many of Portugal's island territories has flared in the island of San Thome, off the Spanish Guinea coast of Africa.

Insurgents seized the government with the assistance of native police, and deported the governor on a ship bound for Lisbon.

San Thome, with a population of about 60,000 persons, is governed as a province. Caeno, coffee, rubber and cinchona are the chief products.

**STREETS FLOODED  
IN MANILA.****DAMAGE IN SEVERE  
THUNDERSTORM.**

Manila, May 18.  
 A severe thunderstorm hit Manila last night doing considerable damage to streets and trees, especially in Ermita. Some streets in that district were flooded for hours after the rain had ceased while some trees were blown down near the Dewey Boulevard. Sections of streets in Sampaloc and near the San Sebastian Church were under water for hours.

Telephone wires were damaged by lightning.

twentieth hole in the third round, the American having received a walk-over in the second.

Voight (U.S.A.) beat J. Abercrombie (Royal Liverpool) the conqueror of Douglas Fairbanks by two and one, and is now the sole remaining of eleven Americans. Voight meets Bernard Durwin in the fourth round.

Roger Wethered qualified for the fourth round by beating T. Torrance by 4 and 2, while Dr. McCormick got through safely against De Maria, a wealthy young Argentinian, winning by three and two.—Reuters.

The soldiers then made off, and she followed them. Near the Yaumati Government School one of them kicked her and she fell down. A student saw the whole incident and followed them. The second man boarded a bus after taking the money from the defendant. She kept the defendant in sight all the while and sounded a police whistle. A crowd gathered and the defendant was arrested. An identification parade was held at which the complainant pointed out the defendant, but failed to pick out his accomplice.

Mr. Hamilton fixed the hearing of the case for May 29, and remanded the defendant in custody.

**ALLEGED ATTACK  
ON WOMAN.****SOLDIER IN DOCK AT  
KOWLOON.****SERIOUS CHARGES.**

Alexander Puddum, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, appeared before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning, to answer a charge of having, with another man not in custody, at Yaumati on the night of May 18 robbed a woman, Wong So-lin, of a sum of \$6, and with having used personal violence towards her at the time or immediately after the robbery.

Detective Inspector Fallon intimated that he was asking for a committal.

Outlining the facts, the Inspector stated that the complainant lived on the second floor of No. 34, Bowring Street. On Monday night she was at the Po Hing Theatre, and had \$6 tied up in a handkerchief. She was later walking along Gascoigne Road, when the defendant and another soldier came up from behind and asked her for her money. She refused to give it up, whereupon the defendant struck her in the face, and snatched the money.

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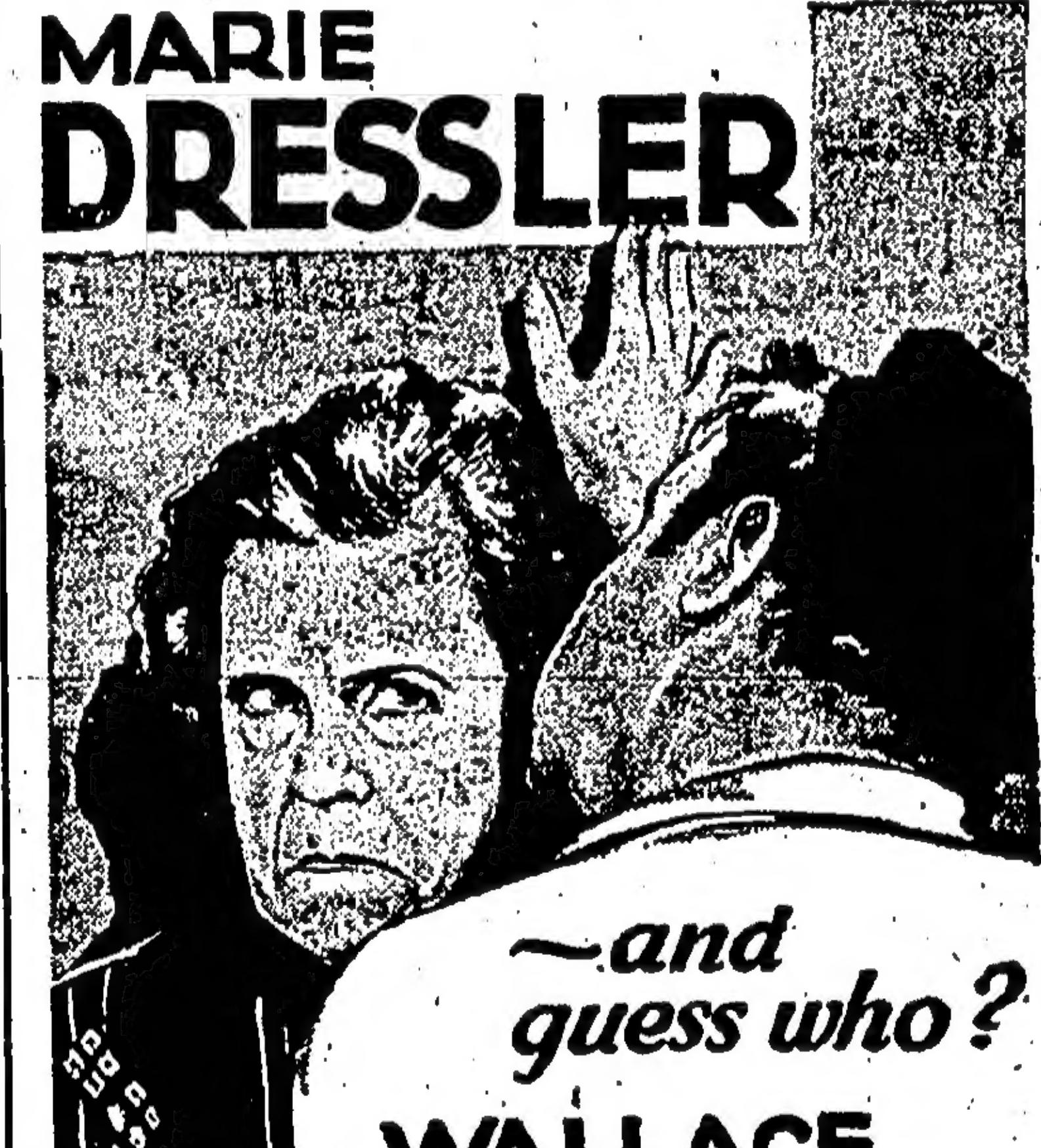
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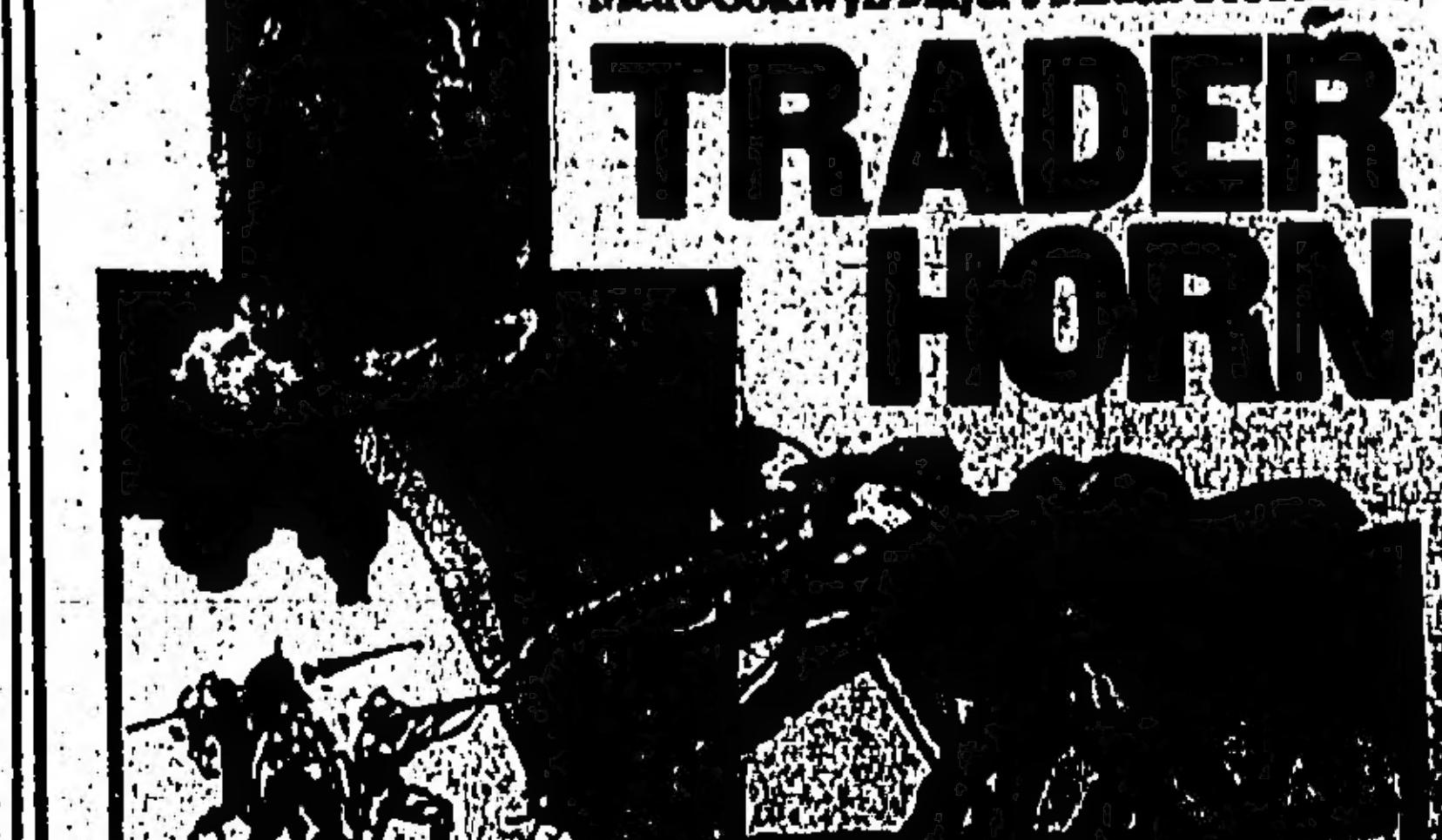
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